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TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY ROGERS' REMARKS BEFORE AMERICAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN JAPAN AND AMERICA-JAPAN SOCIETY  
DINNER, JULY 17, 1973, FOLLOWS:

SECRETARY ROGERS: PRESIDENT KISHI, MR FOREIGN MINISTER,  
MRS OHIRA, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
LET ME SAY, TO BEGIN WITH, WHAT A GREAT PLEASURE IT IS  
FOR ME AND OUR DELEGATION TO BE AT THIS DELIGHTFUL DINNER  
AND PARTICULARLY TO SEE SO MANY FRIENDS OF OURS HERE, AND  
I THINK IT SYMBOLIZES THE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I ALSO AM VERY HONORED TO BE INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT  
KISHI WHO IS SO HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE UNITED STATES.  
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I REMEMBER I WAS SERVING IN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S  
CABINET, AND MR KISHI BECAME FAMOUS FOR REASONS OTHER  
THAN BEING PRIME MINISTER. HE PLAYED GOLF AT BURNING

TREE WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. AND ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT BEING PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, NO ONE EVER KNOWS YOUR SCORE. (LAUGHTER) WHEN YOU ARE FOREIGN MINISTERS, EVERYBODY KNOWS IT. (LAUGHTER)

I AM ALWAYS SLIGHTLY FRIGHTENED AT THESE AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF AN EXPERIENCE I HAD WHEN I WAS IN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CABINET. AROUND 1957 MRS ROGERS AND I ATTENDED A DINNER, SOMETHING LIKE THIS, A VERY BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR WITH A LARGE HEAD TABLE, AND WE WERE INTRODUCED AS WE WERE TONIGHT. WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED ON THE RIGHT SIDE, I STOOD UP AND RECEIVED A MODERATE AMOUNT OF APPLAUSE, AND THEN AS WE WENT DOWN THE TABLE ON THE OTHER SIDE AND CHAIRMAN SAID, "NOW, I WILL INTRODUCE THE WIFE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL" AND TWO WOMEN STOOD UP. (LAUGHTER) WELL, THIS TIME I GOT A LOT OF APPLAUSE. (LAUGHTER) AFTER THE DINNER WAS OVER THE OTHER WOMAN CAME OVER AND EXPLAINED TO MY WIFE THAT SHE WAS A TOTAL STRANGER AND DIDN'T KNOW ME AT ALL (LAUGHTER) WHICH I THOUGHT WAS UNNECESSARY. (LAUGHTER) AND THEN SHE LOOKED AT ME AND SHE SAID, "I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM." SO I'VE NEVER GOTTEN OVER IT. EVERYTIME INTRODUCTIONS ARE MADE AT THE HEAD TABLE I AM A LITTLE NERVOUS. (LAUGHTER)

I DON'T INTEND TO MAKE A SPEECH, BUT I AM PLEASED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY JUST A WORD OR TWO ABOUT THE CONFERENCE. I THINK THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD AGREE WITH ME THAT THIS WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE THAT WE HAD. AND IT IS IMPORTANT, AS MR KISHI SAID, FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD AND FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND - I THINK I CAN SAY THAT WITHOUT BEING OVER-DRAMATIC - THAT JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES GET ALONG WELL, AND WE ARE GETTING ALONG VERY WELL. I DON'T THINK OUR RELATIONS HAVE EVER BEEN BETTER.

WE WERE TALKING, AND I THINK THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO IT AT OUR PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT OUR TWO NATIONS, WHICH REPRESENT LESS  
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THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD, PRODUCE

ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE GOODS AND SERVICES IN THE WORLD. THAT IS REALLY AN AMAZING STATISTIC WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, AND IT SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP AND, IF YOU WILL, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE THAT WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED.

THE CONFERENCE THAT WE COMPLETED TODAY IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER MATTING OF ITS KIND THAT WE HAVE WITH ANY OTHER NATION. IT IS MORE COMPREHENSIVE. ALTHOUGH

IT IS REFERRED TO AS DEALING WITH TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT IT DEALS WITH A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION AND MANY THINGS THAT REALLY DON'T FIT THE CATEGORY PRECISELY. AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE, BECAUSE WHAT WE DO AS NATIONS AND WHAT THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO IS GOING TO MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

AND IN THIS CONFERENCE WE WERE ABLE TO CONSIDER WHAT HAS DEVELOPED SINCE THE LST MEETING IN DETAIL TO SEE HOW WE WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE DECISIONS THAT WERE TAKEN AT THE LAST MEETING, TO IRON OUT ANY FRICTIONS THAT DEVELOP, AND THERE ARE BOUND TO BE FRICTIONS THAT DEVELOP BETWEEN NATIONS THAT ARE SO ACTIVE AND HAVE SO MANY COMMON INTERESTS AND HAVE SO MANY ECONOMIC INTERESTS, WE ARE BOUND TO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS, AND IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS IN A VERY FANK AND DIRECT MANNER AND TO OVERCOME THEM AND TO SOLVE THEM, TO REALIZE HOW UN-IMPORTANT THEY ARE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD, AND PARTICULARLY THE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

BUT ALSO IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IN THE FUTURE, NOT ONLY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT IN THE LONG-RANGE FUTURE.

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I WAS INTERESTED IN THE REMARKS OF MR KISHI WHEN HE RECOUNTED SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES THAT WE HAVE HAD IN THE DAYS GONE BY, TO CONSIDER WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE FUTURE, THE FUTURE NOT ONLY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT THE FUTURE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE WORLD.

NOW, WHAT DO I MEAN BY THAT? I MEAN THAT WE HAVE A SECURITY TREATY WHICH WE BELIEVE, AND I THINK JAPAN BELIEVES, IS THE KEYSTONE TO PEACE IN THE PACIFIC. AND IF WE EVER LOSE SIGHT OF THAT, IF WE FAIL TO APPRECIATE THAT THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS PROVIDED FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE PACIFIC, AND IN FACT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MOVE TO CREATE

BETTER CONDITIONS AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES - AND I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION - IF WE FAIL TO REMEMBER, IF WE

NEGLECT THE FACT THAT IT IS THAT RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES, THEN WE HAVE MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE. SO IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAINTAIN OUR CLOSE, TRADITIONAL, FRIENDLY TIES WITH JAPAN WHILE WE SEEK TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE WORLD. AND THERE IS NOTHING INCONSISTENT ABOUT THAT POLICY AS LONG AS WE MAINTAIN OUR STRENGTH AND MAINTAIN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND AS LONG AS NATIONS IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, AND ESPECIALLY JAPAN, REALIZE THAT THEY CAN DEPEND ON US WHEN WE MAKE A COMMITMENT. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM ABLE TO DO, WE ARE ABLE TO DO AT THESE MEETINGS, IS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THAT COMMITMENT.

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NOW, SECONDLY, OF COURSE, SECRETARY DENT AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAVE TALKED ABOUT PROBLEMS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, BECAUSE IF THE WORLD DEVELOPS MORE PEACEFULLY, AS WE ALL HOPE, THEN TRADE AND COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS ARE GOING TO ASSUME A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE WORLD.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN HAVE TREMENDOUS TRADE, AS YOU KNOW. JAPAN IS OUR NUMBER ONE OVERSEAS TRADING PARTNER. TOURISM IS FLOURISHING. I THINK JAPAN HAS

MORE TOURISTS IN THE UNITED STATES THAN ANY OTHER OVERSEAS COUNTRY, AND CERTAINLY THERE ARE A LOT OF AMERICANS IN JAPAN EACH YEAR, AND SO MATTERS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE BECOME VERY IMPORTANT. THAT'S WHY WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER ON MATTERS INVOLVING MONETARY AFFAIRS, WHY WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER IN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE HELD IN JAPAN IN THE FALL. BUT OVER AND BEYOND THAT, LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD A BIT  
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FURTHER AND HOPEFULLY IN A PEACEFUL WORLD, WE ARE DEALING WITH MATTERS OF ENERGY, HOW DO WE WORK TOGETHER TO BE SURE THAT THE WORLD HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF ENERGY. WE ARE LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD A BIT TO SEE HOW WE CAN DEAL TOGETHER WITH PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. AND ALSO, AND MAYBE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT, ALTHOUGH AT TIMES IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY NOW, WE HAVE SO MANY THINGS THAT CONCERN US, BUT MAYBE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IS WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR NATIONS, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS INEVITABLE THAT IF THESE MORE PROSPEROUS NATIONS IN THE WORLD CONTINUE AS THEY ARE, TO MOVE FORWARD AND PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR PEOPLE, AND THE POOR NATIONS ARE UNABLE TO DO THAT, AND YOU HAVE TREMENDOUS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO ARE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND DEPRIVED, THE WORLD IS GOING TO BE IN A VERY UNSTABLE SITUATION.

THERE ARE NO TWO NATIONS THAT HAVE A GREATER POTENTIAL FOR WORKING TOGETHER THAN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THAT ENDEAVOR, AND SO, AS I SAY, I THINK THAT WE CAN LOOK AT THIS CONFERENCE, AND ALL OF YOU WHO ARE SO INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES CAN BE PLEASED THAT RELATIONS HAVE, I BELIEVE, NEVER BEEN BETTER, CLOSER AND MORE PROMISING THAN THEY ARE TODAY BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, I THINK THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM WORKED OUT SO THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE. IT WILL GROW, AND WE WILL BE, OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE OF EVEN GREATER IMPORTANCE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY THAN IT IS TODAY.

AND, THREE, THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN GLOBAL MATTERS IN A WAY THAT IS CONTRIBUTING OR WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND. AND I THINK THAT THE MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED INDICATE THE VERY SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THAT RELATIONSHIP, THE MATURITY, IF YOU WILL, OF THAT RELATIONSHIP.

MR OHIRA WAS SAYING HE HAS ATTENDED FOUR OF THESE. I HAVE ATTENDED ONLY THREE, BUT THE INTERESTING THING

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TO ME IS HOW THE CLIMATE HAS CHANGED. WHEREAS AT  
OTHER MEETINGS WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING BILATERAL PROBLEMS  
THAT EXISTED, FRICTIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED, NOW WE ARE

REALLY TALKING ABOUT GLOBAL MATTERS, HOW WE CAN WORK  
TOGETHER IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AND THAT DOES REFLECT  
THE STRENGTH OF JAPAN, THE SUCCESS THAT JAPAN HAS HAD  
AND, AS MR KISHI SAID, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS IT RE-  
FLECTS THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE AND THE FRIENDSHIP  
THAT EXISTS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. AND  
I THINK THAT IN CONCLUSION I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY  
THAT I THINK THAT IS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY -  
TWO NATIONS WHOSE CULTURES ARE SO DIFFERENT, SO WIDELY  
SEPARATED GEOGRAPHICALLY, AND YET WE ARE ABLE TO DEAL  
IN A WAY THAT IMPROVES THE LIFE OF OUR OWN PEOPLE, BUT  
IN A WAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE MUTUAL TRUST AND CON-  
FIDENCE AND FRIENDSHIP THAT EXISTS, I BELIEVE HOLDS  
OUR GREAT PROMISE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE EVERYWHERE.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE, AND ON BEHALF OF  
SECRETARY DENT AND ALL OF OUR DELEGATION I EXPRESS  
OUR THANKS.  
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